



Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Pest Detection and Management Programs – Program Update

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Program: *Phytophthora ramorum*

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Trace forward and national surveys continue as PPQ determines the distribution of *P. ramorum*. There was one additional nursery confirmed positive this week in Skagit County, WA. The positive sample was on *Rhododendron* 'Peppermint Twist'. Five other 'already positive' nurseries had additional positive results this week; one in LA and four in WA. As of August 12, 2004, the total number of confirmed positive locales from the trace forward, national, and other survey finds is 156 in 21 States. The total represents confirmed positives at 151 nurseries, three residential landscapes, one environs, and one indoor-home situation. The breakdown per State is: AL (3), AR(1), AZ (1), CA(53), CO(1), FL(6), GA(18), LA(5), MD(2), NC(9), NJ(1), NM(1), NY(1), OK(1), OR(10), PA(1 indoor), SC(3), TN(2), TX(10), VA(2) and WA (25).

PPQ *P. ramorum* National Survey activities are complete in 12 States in the Western Region (AK, AR, AZ, CA, IA, ID, LA, MO, NE, OK, SD, and MT); diagnostic results pending. Oregon and Washington have completed sampling to meet protocol levels, but continue to take additional samples. As of August 13, 2004, participating States throughout the nation have surveyed 1,844 sites and have collected 36,576 samples; 19 national survey sites are confirmed positive.

The US Forest Service *P. ramorum* detection surveys continue; all sampling results are negative to date. As of August 5, 2004, the USFS has collected 2,200 samples from 549 nursery perimeter surveys in 27 States and 391 samples from 97 general forest surveys in 14 States. For more information on the Forest Service SOD survey/ sampling methods, please refer to [http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/fhm/sod/sod\\_natnl.pdf](http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/fhm/sod/sod_natnl.pdf).